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1. On 15 October 1948, the following vessels were in Rostock harbor:

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- a. Destroyer Provorny<sup>"</sup>, 1,950 tons (former German vessel of very modern construction). She is equipped with "Askania Anlage", two turbines each of 2,200 hp and three boilers. Her armament consists of one turret with twin 15 cm guns and two triple torpedo mountings. She is ready for sea but there are no technicians at Rostock capable of servicing her engines.
- b. Two Soviet destroyers, 1,800 tons, of light, old-fashioned construction, numbered "2.4" and "2.8". They have two turbines and three boilers, and are oil fired. The engines and boilers of both these ships have been sent to the USSR for general overhaul. While in dock both were reinforced below the waterline. Replacement engines and pipes for them are stored on the pier side.
- c. Four German mine-sweepers each of 650 tons, the T-718, T-724, T-726, and T-729. The T-726 arrived on 15 October 1948, the others were in the harbor all summer. Each vessel has two steam piston, coal-fired, "HMN" engines (Hoch-Mittel-und Niederdruck) with a "swischengekuppelte Niederdruckturbine", and is armed with two 7.5 cm quick-firing guns, one on the port side and one amidships.
- d. The Soviet freighter "Caser Kunikov", 4,000 tons (in dock I), which is being completely overhauled. She has steam piston engines and is coal-fired.  
 25X1 Comment: This tonnage does not agree with the figure of 2,400 BRT quoted previously.)
- e. The tug "Foldi", a new vessel being finally fitted out.
- f. The freighter "Meteor" is being completely overhauled, and undergoing engine trials.
- g. A speed-boat called "Probeboot I" (test boat) lies on a cradle with its port screws removed.

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2. From 21 to 23 October 1948, the following vessels lay in the Neptunwerft at Rostock:
  - a. Three minesweepers: T-724, T-726, and T-729 (listed above).
  - b. Three destroyers.
  - c. A floating dock containing a small steamer.
  - d. An empty floating dock.
  - e. A large floating crane.
3. Between 21 and 28 October 1948, the following naval craft were observed in Warnemunde harbor:
  - a. Seventeen speed boats; twelve had numbers between KT-339 and KT-390, and the remaining five between KT-105 and KT-120.
  - b. Four "Raumboote", two of which were numbered T-373 and T-374.
4. Merchant shipping observed during this period was as follows:
  - a. At the Ladekai, the Soviet freighter "Verkhovzhansk", 5,000 BRT, registered at Leningrad. Berthed in ballast on 21 October 1948, loaded general cargo and put out on 26 October 1948.
  - b. In the same berth, the Soviet freighter "A. Barbjus", 5,000 BRT, registered at Leningrad. Berthed in ballast on 27 October 1948 and commenced loading an unknown cargo.
  - c. Passing down river, the Soviet freighter "Aleksandr Matrosov", about 5,000 BRT, bound from Rostock to Leningrad.
  - d. In the Wendebassin, the former KdF liner "Asia" is being refitted.
  - e. Also in the Wendebassin, the Norwegian freighter "Gudrun", 2,000 BRT, and two other Scandinavian freighters of similar tonnage, all loading wood.
  - f. The Gjedser ferry, also loading wood.
  - g. The Warnemunde fishing fleet, moored along the east mole.

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